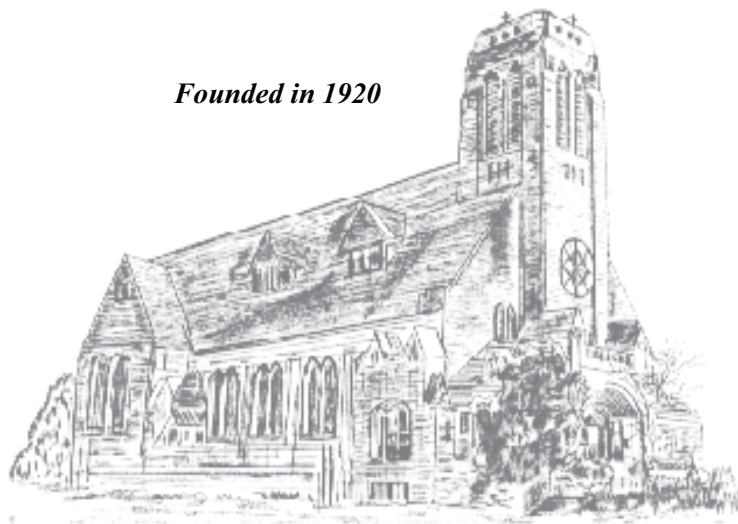


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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (Italian)

11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

## **WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES**

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

*Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.*

*on weekday statutory holidays.*

## **DEVOTIONALS**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mass & Novena

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

## **ROSARY**

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples engaged to be married must contact the Parish office one year in advance.

## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A**

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, "be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to "be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it. Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that "all Christ's faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives—and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will".

**TODAY IS PANCAKE SUNDAY**

Please join us for today for **Pancake Sunday** immediately following the 11:00 am Mass in our Church Hall. To obtain your tickets please see an usher after each Mass or you may purchase your tickets at the door.

**FUNERAL PLANNING**

Joining us today, after each Mass, is a representative from Catholic Cemeteries to discuss funeral planning at a Catholic cemetery. There will be an opportunity to speak to him after Mass. Visit: [www.catholic-cemeteries.ca](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca).

**GOOD FRIDAY****PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION****ACTORS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

We are looking for actors of all ages, but most importantly those 11 years of age and older to fulfill the numerous roles for this year's Good Friday Passion Play. This is a great way to be a part of a memorable production, make long lasting friendships and most important, get all your volunteer hours! We serve pizza after each practice.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION  
WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH  
STARTING AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**

If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset production costs or If you would like to help us with this production in any way, please contact the Parish office.

**GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION  
FUNDRAISER DINNER - SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 21st at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Seventh Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession**. The dinner will include authentic Italian food made by the best home cooks in our community. **Tickets are now available! There are a LIMITED amount of tickets to be sold - DON'T DELAY. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under.** Please see an usher after each Mass or contact the Parish Office.

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-sacrifice and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time, treasure, and talents.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26**

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Following are the Ash Wednesday Masses:

**12:00 pm** English Chapel Mass **1:00 pm:** School Mass  
**7:00 pm** English & Italian Evening Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT**

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church.

**The first service will be held on Friday, February 28th.**

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR LENT**

The Day of Confessions for Lent for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.

**ST. BRIGID'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB****10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON – RECTORY HALL**

The next session of the Golden Age Club will be taking place on Wednesday, February 26th. The purpose of this club is to bring together the St. Brigid's senior parishioners in our community to share and participate in various activities. **It is never too late to join.** Please contact the Parish office to register (416) 696-8660.

**PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP**

Our weekly **Prayer & Life Workshop** will resume this **Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall**. The cost for this workshop is \$15 for materials only – instruction is free! It is not too late to join. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register.

**ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR****WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO SING!**

Our choir is looking for kids who love to sing, who love being part of a team, and who love to challenge themselves all for the glory of God! We rehearse every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

Some of the highlights included with participating in the children's choir are: Spring concert, field trip (Blue Jays game in the Spring), participation gifts, and much more.

**The next practice will be taking place next Saturday, February 29th at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 6

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. This year's focus will be on Zimbabwe. Please visit: [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)

## SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm

Please join us on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prince and Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron Saint of Canada.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 16 was **\$2,899.70**. Please **remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).**

## SETTIMA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

«Nemici non sono solo quelli che ci odiano e ci fanno del male, coloro con cui abbiamo insanabili contrasti; ma anche quanti hanno il torto di pensarla diversamente da noi, militando dall'altra parte, quelli che mostrando di non accorgersi di noi, ci abbandonano alla nostra solitudine. Spetta alla carità creare per loro occasioni di incontro e di apertura, prestarsi a rompere la propria cerchia, reinventare l'ospitalità, sfidare l'indifferenza. Se si vuol cominciare a far venire il Regno, bisogna cambiare il metodo di convivenza e valorizzare l'incontro. L'amicizia non solo va data, ma va ricevuta con altrettanto impegno, e così fiorirà la riconoscenza che è l'altra metà del volersi bene.

## MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI – 26 FEBBRAIO

Unitevi a noi il 26 Febbraio alle 7:00 pm per la Messa di Mercoledì delle Ceneri che segna l'inizio della Quaresima.

## STAZIONI DELLA CROCE: OGNI VENERDÌ DI QUARESIMA

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce. Ogni Venerdì di Quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa cominciando il **28 di Febbraio**.

## FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE – GIOVEDÌ, 19 MARZO

**Giovedì, 19 Marzo** si celebra la Festa di San Giuseppe. Una messa Solenne in onore di San Giuseppe sarà celebrata alle **7:00 pm in Inglese e Italiano**.

## DINNER DANCE PER AIUTARE IL PASSION PLAY E PROCESSIONE: SABATO, 21 MARZO

Unitevi a noi il Sabato 21 Marzo alle 6:00 pm nella nostra sala Parrocchiale per la festa annuale per aiutare la produzione del Passion Play e Processione! La cena sarà autentici piatti Italiani. I biglietti sono disponibili! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere-fate in fretta! **Il prezzo é \$40 per gli adulti e \$20 per i bambini fino ai 12 anni.** Per favore, domandati agli uscieri dopo la Messa o chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

## CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER LA PASQUA: GIOVEDÌ, IL 26 MARZO

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 26 Marzo** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

## COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 16 Febbraio e' stata **\$2,899.70**. Per favore, **ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

### Saturday, February 22nd ~ Chair of St. Peter

9:00 a.m. +Vincent Whela, req. by Imelda Asis

5:00 p.m. +Magdalena Zimmer, req. by Maria Mayer & Family  
+Nazzareno Cesta, Olimpio, Antonio & Filomena Rosati,  
req. by the Cesta Family

### Sunday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. +Albino & Maria Angelica Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso  
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family  
+Danny & Monserrat Caggianiello, req. by the Family  
+Melinda Modica, req. by Tina Morlando  
+Maria Avarino, req. by the Parish  
+Caterina Martone, req. by the Parish  
+Antonia Orlandi, req. by the Parish  
+Francesco Annicchiarico, req. by the Parish  
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. In Honour of Sr. Carmelina, All the Saints, Padre Pio & Mary  
Mother of Jesus for a Grace Received, req. by Rocco Delle  
Fave, Marta Grande and Families  
+Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabac,  
req. by Maria Quintana-James  
+Umberto Rossi, req. by the Family  
+Joachim Francis Xavier, req. by Mary & Chris Xavier  
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Parish

### Monday, February 24th

12:00 p.m. +Onorino & Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

### Tuesday, February 25th

12:00 p.m. +Angel & Luca Characopos, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Melinda Modica, req. by the Family

### Wednesday, February 26th ~ Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. For All Members of Our Community Suffering with Illnesses

1:00 p.m. St. Brigid's School Mass

6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours

7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Mass:** English & Italian

### Thursday, February 27th

12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande  
+Catalina Wisniewski, req. by Teresita Ng

### Friday, February 28th

12:00 p.m. +Deacon Joseph McTeague, req. by the Parish

### Saturday, February 29th

9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Parishioners in our Community


5:00 p.m. +Luciano & Giuseppe Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero  
+Frank Rodrigues, req. by the Out of the Cold Family  
+Damiano Calla, req. by the Family

*Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses and for those that care for them each day. May God protect them and care for them.*



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